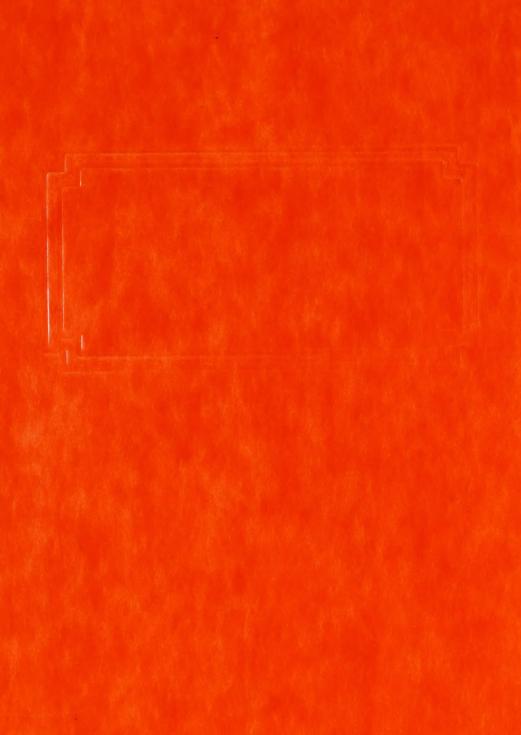
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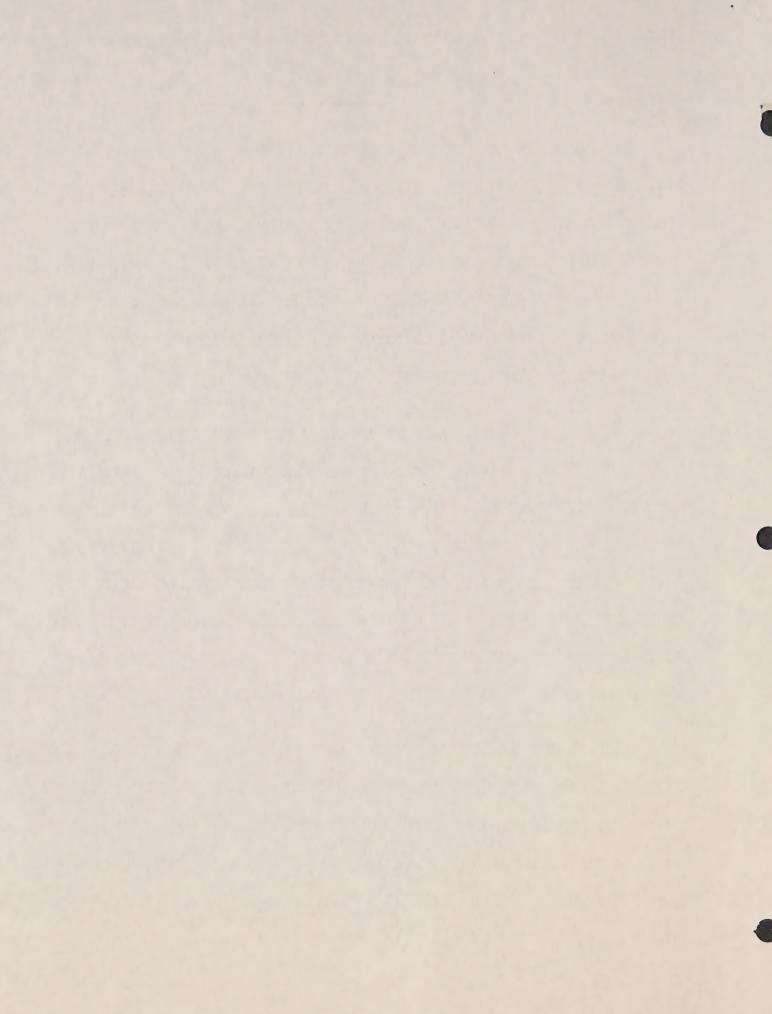


REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE RENE ERUNELLE REGARDING
THE GERTLER REPORT

IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ONTARIO PARKS
INTEGRATION BOARD, I HAVE TODAY HAD PLACED ON YOUR
DESKS A COPY OF THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT STUDY
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION REPORT PREPARED BY
PROFESSOR LEONARD O. GERTLER, DIRECTOR OF THE
ECHOOL OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND THE FINANCING OF,
THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT WAS CENTRED IN THE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY AND ECONOMICS. OTHER DEPARTMENTS
CONTRIBUTING ADVICE WERE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD,
ENERGY AND RESCURCES MANAGEMENT, HIGHWAYS, LANDS
AND FORESTS, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, TOURISM AND INFORMATION, AND THE FRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

THIS ATTRACTIVE BOOK HAS BEEN PREPARED TO GIVE TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBILITIES AND FROBLEMS OF THIS OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF OUR SOUTHERN ONTARIO LANDSCAPE. YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE HOW COMPLEX A SITUATION DR. GERTLER UNDERTOOK TO STUDY.



I KNOW THAT YOU WILL WISH TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING BOTH DR. GERTLER AND HIS GROUP FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAS MENTIONED IN HIS FOREWORD
THAT IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY AT THIS TIME AND FOR
VARIOUS REASONS TO DELETE SMALL PORTIONS OF THE
REPORT AND A VERY FEW OF THE MAPS, BUT I ASSURE YOU
THAT THESE DELETIONS DO NOT DETRACT FROM THE IMPAC
AND DESIGN OF THE WORK. WE HAD PROFESSOR GERTLER'S
ASSISTANCE IN THE PREFARATION OF THIS EDITION. IT
HAS NOT BEEN REWRITTEN AND NO CHANGES OTHER THAN A
FEW MINOR ONES BY THE AUTHOR HAVE BEEN MADE.

THE RELEASE OF THE REPORT DOES NOT IMPLY THAT WE ACCEPT ALL ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT NUMBROUS MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW ITS CONTENTS. THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AFTER DISCUSSION, SUGGESTED THAT THE ONTARIO PARKS INTEGRATION BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER THE REPORT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. IT IS LARGELY A RESULT OF THAT BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS THAT THE STUDY IS RELEASED TODAY.

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THE DEPARTMENTS OF LANDS AND FORESTS, ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, TREASURY AND ECONOMICS, AND TREASURY BOARD HAVE ALL HAD BOTH COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS INVESTIGATIONS OF THE VARIOUS AND RELATED ASPECT

THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS. AS YOU KNOW, ALREADY HAS SIZEABLE LAND HOLDINGS IN THE ESCARPMENT AREA. DEVILS GLEN PROVINCIAL PARK IS ON THE BHOW OF THE GEORGIAN DAY PORTION. ITS AREA HAS RECENTLY BEEN SLIGHTLY ENLARGED. THE AREA OF CRAICLEITH PROVINCIAL PARK ON THE SHORE OF THE DAY AT THE BASE OF THE FORMATION HAS BEEN ENLARGED; ANI OVER 1,200 ACRES HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED PRIMROSE IN THAT STEEPLY ROLLING PART OF DUFFERING COUNTY. ONE THOUSAND ACRES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT AT CYPRUS LAKE NE. TOBERMORY, AND PARK DEVELOPMENT HERE HAS ALREADY BEGUN. IN ADDITION TO THESE PARKLANDS, THE DEPART-MENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS HAS PURCHASED SIZEABLE HOLDINGS IN BRUCE PENINSULA FOR TIMBER AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT. THESE LANDS OF PARTS OF THEM COULD OUITE CONCEIVABLY BE USED FOR RECREATION.

AT THE EXTREME SOUTH END OF THE AREA ABOUT 550 ACRE HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED NEAR EFFINGHAM IN THE SHORT HILLS DISTRICT NEAR WELLAND, ST. CATHARINES. AND, CI COURSE, WE HAVE THE NIAGARA PARKS SYSTEM AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF THE CANADIAN SECTION OF THE ESCARFMENT WHERE THE NIAGARA FARKS COMMISSION IS WELL AWARE OF, AND IS MAKING INTENSE USE OF, ITS PORTION OF THE ESCARPMENT. ITS RECENT NEWS RELEASE IN DICATES THAT THEY ARE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ARE ALSO
WELL ENTRENCHED ON THE ESCARPMENT IN PLACES LINE
ST. JOHNS, BALLS FALLS, BEAMER MEMORIAL, TEWS FALLS
MOUNT NEMO, RATTLESNAKE FOINT, KELSO, TERRA COTTA,
BELFOUNTAIN, EUGENIA FALLS, INGLIS FALLS, COLFOY
RANGE AND SKINNER BLUFFS CONSERVATION AREAS, AND
THERE ARE CTHERS. I NAME THESE AREAS TO ILLUSTRATE
THAT THE FEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE ALREADY HAVE A
FOOTHOLD ON THE ESCARPMENT AND THAT THE CONSERVATION
AUTHORITIES ARE A BIG FACTOR IN THIS MATTER.

THE TWO DEPARTMENTS, ENERGY AND RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT, AND LANDS AND FORESTS, HAVE MAPPED OUT
AREAS OF MAJOR INTEREST AND AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
REACHED WHICH WILL ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF DEFORT.

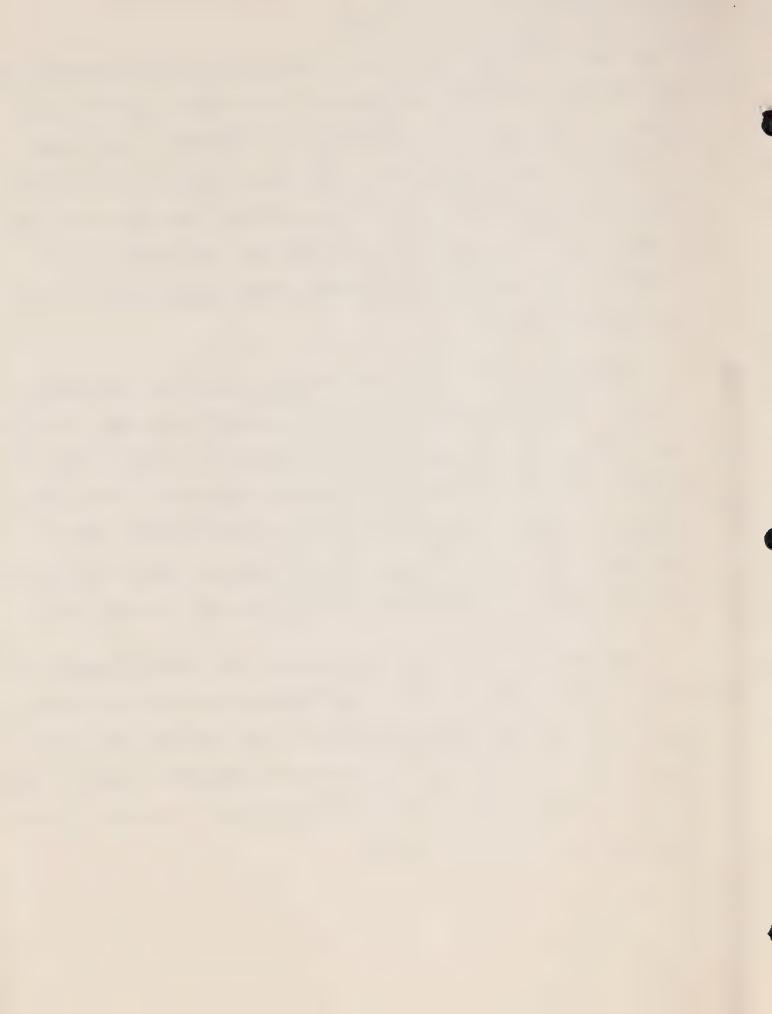
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I DO NOT WISH TO GIVE YOU A FALSE IMPRESSION THAT ALL OF THE AREAS WERE ACQUIRED AFTER THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED, FOR THE PROGRAM WAS STARTED SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE THE STUDY, AND HAS CONTINUED DURING IN PREPARATION AND SINCE. THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE PARKS INTEGRATION BOARD INDICATE THE EXTENT OF ACTIVITY IN LAND ACQUISITION ALONG THE ESCARFMENT AND BLEEWHERE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS HAS BEEN GIVING MUCH ATTENTION TO THE REPORT AND HAS OUTLINE THE PROCEDURES WHICH IT WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW IF WE DECIDE TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN.

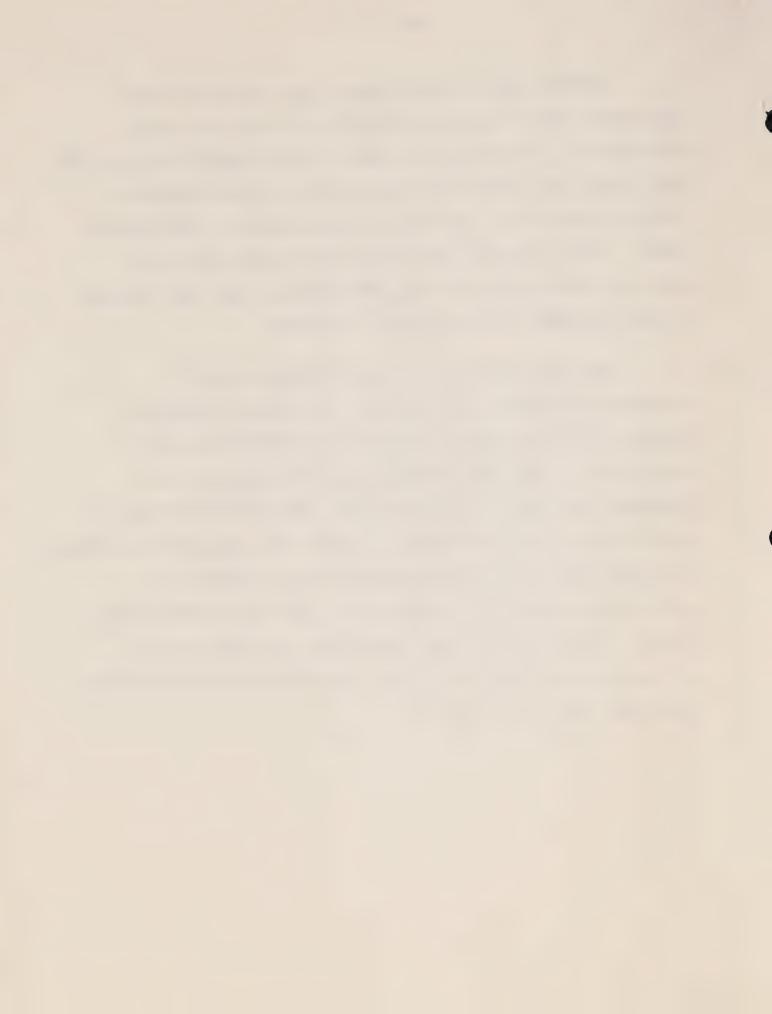
TREASURY BOARD HAS ACTIVELY INVESTIGATED MOST ASPECTS OF THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THE REPORT AND IS PREPARING INFORMATION ON COSTS AND BENEFITS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY HAS HAD AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THIS REPORT AS WITNESSED BY THE PACT THAT IT WAS INITIATED AND PAID FOR BY THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THAT DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE REPORT SINCE ITS RECEIPT.



A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE ESCARPMENT AREA BY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE BRUCE TRAIL ASSOCIATION, WHICH DESERVE A GREAT DEAL OF CREDIT FOR ARRANGING WITH LOCAL LAND OWNERS FOR PERMISSION FOR TRAIL WALKERS TO CROSS PRIVATE LAND. THIS WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT OF CONSIDERABLE MERIT. THE FEDERATION OF ONTARIO NATURALISTS HAS FOR A LONG TIME BEEN EXTOLLING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LAND FEATURE, AS HAS THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF ONTARIO.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT HAVE BOTH
AGREED TO THE PRIORITIES AWARDED IN THE MATTER OF LAND
ACQUISITION. THE LAND PURCHASED FOR THE FORMER BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL FORM PART OF THE PROVINCIAL
PARKS SYSTEM. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
WILL ARRANGE FOR LAND ACQUISITION THROUGH CONSERVATION
AUTHORITIES WHICH WILL DEVELOP SUCH LANDS INTO CONSERVATION
AREAS. IN THE CASE OF BOTH DEPARTMENTS THE ACQUISITION
OF LAND WILL PROCEED WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF THE BUDGETARY
PROVISION THAT CAN BE MADE.



A GROUP REPRESENTING A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN STUDYING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TRI-COUNTY SCENIC DRIVE PROPOSAL MAY BE CO-ORDINATED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GERTLER REPORT.

POLICIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE TWO IMPORTANT REPORTS WILL BE CO-ORDINATED.

MANY PERSONS AND GROUPS WILL BE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN THIS REPORT. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COPIES TO BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS MAP AND SURVEY RECORD OFFICE, ROOM 5427, WHITNEY BLOCK AND AT 30 GROSVENOR STREET IN TORONTO, AT A NOMINAL PRICE OF \$2.00 PER COPY. CHEQUES OR MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF ONTARIO.

PROFESSOR GERTLER HAS SUBMITTED TWO OTHER REPORTS -- ONE
DEALING WITH THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES IN THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT AREA
AND THE OTHER CONSIDERING THE FRUIT BELT. BOTH ARE RECEIVING
CONSIDERATION SO THAT GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS CAN BE MADE KNOWN IN DUE
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